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I called in a question tonight to the forum regarding a municipal senior center. The Councilors and the Mayor would not even discuss the subject. I felt this was very disrespectful of senior citizens. Are we not even worth responding to? Just because we have retired does that mean we no longer count?

Manchester has a municipal senior center. Nashua donated a building that had been owned by the city for a senior center. Here we are in the capital city of New Hampshire and what do we get? Not even a comment!!!!

There was an expensive, privately owned senior center which was beyond the reach of many senior citizens in Concord which has closed. The center was very nice, but you had to pay for every class in addition to your membership which could add up to a pretty penny over time.

There is a great need for a senior center in Concord where the many groups for seniors could all meet. In addition, health services could be provided there, such as the clinics that are held all over town, plus the annual flu shot clinics, exercise classes such as the strengthening classes being given now at the Pitman St. senior housing complex. (no idea why it is not offered where I live, at the Firehouse Block) If it was offered at a senior center, all seniors would be able to participate.

The Meals on Wheels program could be housed at a senior center. Transportation geared toward seniors could also be incorporated into a senior center plan.

Recreational activities could be held at a senior center. (we don't all play Bingo you know) Groups such as AARP, the Sunset Club and other senior citizen groups could meet there as well.

Many of us would love to see some of the presidential candidates, but there is no senior center for them to come to in Concord.

Yet, the city council and mayor don't even want to discuss a senior center!

Are you familiar with R.S.V.P.? It is a very large group of senior citizens who volunteer thousands of hours FREE to many non-profit agencies in the Concord area. We give and give, and give some more. You would be surprised at how many volunteers there are. I attend the annual R.S.V.P. recognition luncheon and my ballpark estimate of how many folks in attendance would be around 250 to 300 people. It was very impressive. This would be another group who could have their offices housed at a senior center!!!!

Please vote to provide a senior center for Concord residents.

Thank you.  
Patricia Kraft